

Summer Job Opportunities with the National Park Service



What is the Youth Conservation Corps?

The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is perhaps the most well recognized youth program in the National Park Service. The YCC has been instrumental in introducing young Americans to conservation opportunities in national parks since the program was created in 1970. This summer employment program permits men and women to enjoy working, earning, and learning by doing projects that further the development and conservation of the nation’s natural resources.

What would I do as a YCC crew member at Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park?

Youth Conservation Corps crew members at Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park will be working with a variety of resource projects throughout the summer. Most of the work will take place outdoors in the Johnson City and LBJ Ranch Districts of the park. Projects include pasture maintenance, historic tree survey, water quality monitoring, landscape maintenance, archeological survey and vegetation research. As part of each project, crew members will learn about the resources preserved within the park and how the

National Park Service manages the resources in its care. In addition, crew members will enjoy learning about the natural resources of the Texas Hill Country during field trips to neighboring parks and preserves.

Crew members will generally work as a group under the direction of a National Park Service Ranger. Each crew member will be provided with the necessary tools and equipment to work with the assigned projects.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply to be a YCC crew member?
Participants must be between 15 and 18 years of age to enroll in YCC programs.

How long will the program last?
YCC crew members will work from June 9 through August 1, 2008. Each work day will last from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM with a one- half hour lunch break.

How will crew members be selected?
The park will be draw at random qualified crew members from all available applicants. Six to eight crew members will be selected to work with two YCC crew leaders.

How much will I earn?
YCC crew members will earn the federal minimum wage (\$5.65/hour). Crew members are covered as federal employees under federal workers’ compensation laws. In addition, crew members will be allowed to keep all personal equipment assigned to them including such items as boots, field backpack, camelback hydration system, and compass. Following the program, successful crew members may also receive reference letters for use in applying to prospective employers.

Where do I report to work?
All work assignments will begin at park headquarters at 100 Ladybird Lane in Johnson City.

How do I apply?

Use the one page “Youth Conservation Corps Application” in order to apply for a Youth Conservation Corps crew member position this summer. Applications are available at your high school counselor’s office.

If you have questions about the park or about this program, please call Glen Clark or Debbie Gibson at 868- 7128 x267. If you would like, you may email your questions to glen_clark@nps.gov.

Applications should be returned by mail to:

**Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park
P. O. Box 329
Johnson City, TX 78636**

If you would like, you may return your completed application directly to the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park Visitor Center at 100 Ladybird Lane in Johnson City.

Applications must be received by May 1, 2008 in order to be considered for a position this summer.